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OPINION BELOW

The opinion of the district court (Appendix A, *infra*, pp. 11-12) is not yet reported.

JURISDICTION

1. Appellee, a Selective Service registrant classified I-A despite his claim to conscientious objector status, brought a pre-induction suit to review his classification and enjoin his impending induction. He based

jurisdiction upon the United States Constitution, Article I, Section 1; Article II, Section 1; Article III, Section 1; the First Amendment; the Fifth Amendment; and 28 U.S.C. 1331, 1361, 1651, and 2201. He alleged that the amount in controversy exceeded $10,000.

2. On June 28, 1968, the district court held that the bar to pre-induction judicial review of Selective Service classifications contained in Section 10(b)(3) of the Military Selective Service Act of 1967, as amended by Public Law 90-40 (50 U.S.C. App. 460 (b)(3)), is unconstitutional, and enjoined appellee's induction pending a determination on the merits of his claim (Appendix B, *infra*, pp. 13-15). Notice of appeal to this Court was filed in the district court on July 29, 1968.

3. 28 U.S.C. 1252 confers jurisdiction upon this Court to review, on direct appeal, "an interlocutory or final judgment, decree or order of any court of the United States * * * holding an Act of Congress unconstitutional in any civil action, suit, or proceeding to which the United States or any of its agencies, or any officer or employee thereof, as such officer or employee, is a party."[1]

4. The decision below was appropriately rendered by a single district judge (*International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union* v. *Donnelly Garment Co.*, 304

[1] 28 U.S.C. 1292(a)(1) authorizes an interlocutory appeal to a court of appeals from a district court order granting, denying or otherwise affecting injunctive relief, "except where a direct review may be had in the Supreme Court."

U.S. 243),[2] and the holding that the statute is unconstitutional is directly appealable to this Court (*Flemming* v. *Nestor*, 363 U.S. 603; *United States* v. *Raines*, 362 U.S. 17).

QUESTION PRESENTED

Whether Section 10(b)(3) of the Military Selective Service Act of 1967, which bars pre-induction judicial review of the classification of Selective Service registrants, is constitutional when applied to preclude such review of a local board's denial of a registrant's claim to conscientious objector status.

STATUTE INVOLVED

Section 10(b)(3) of the Military Selective Service Act of 1967, as amended by Public Law 90-40 (50 U.S.C. App. 460(b)(3)), provides:

> No judicial review shall be made of the classification or processing of any registrant by local boards, appeal boards, or the President, except as a defense to a criminal prosecution instituted under section 12 of this title, after the registrant has responded either affirmatively or negatively

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[2] Under *Donnelly Garment Co.*, the requirement of a three-judge district court under 28 U.S.C. 2282 is inapplicable where, as here, the constitutionality of an act of Congress is merely "drawn in question," as distinguished from actions where there is an application to restrain enforcement of a federal statute (304 U.S. at 248-250). Here appellee challenged his induction order on the ground that he had been improperly denied conscientious objector status; the government asserted that Section 10(b)(3), as amended in 1967, prohibited such a pre-induction suit; and the district court rejected the government's attack on its jurisdiction by holding the statute unconstitutional.

to an order to report for induction, or for civilian work in the case of a registrant determined to be opposed to participation in war in any form: *Provided*, That such review shall go to the question of the jurisdiction herein reserved to local boards, appeal boards, and the President only when there is no basis in fact for the classification assigned to such registrant.

STATEMENT

Appellee, a Selective Service registrant classified I-A despite his claim that he is a conscientious objector, exhausted his administrative remedies, and then brought the instant action seeking a determination that such classification was improper. He also sought to have his classification changed to I-O and his impending induction enjoined, on the ground that the denial of his claim for conscientious objector status had no basis in fact, rested on a misapplication of the statutory requirement that opposition to war be grounded on a registrant's "religious training and belief" (50 U.S.C. App. 456(j)), and resulted from prejudice and hostility by his local board. Relying upon *Petersen* v. *Clark*, Civil No. 47888 (N.D. Calif., decided May 28, 1968), the district court held the provision of Section 10(b)(3) which prohibits pre-induction judicial review of Selective Service classifications unconstitutional, and enjoined appellee's induction pending a determination on the merits of his claim (App. A., p. 11).[3]

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[3] A copy of the district court's opinion in *Petersen*, on which the district court extensively relied, is included as Appendix C, *infra*, pp. 17-45. That case similarly involved a Selective

THE QUESTION IS SUBSTANTIAL

1. This case presents another facet of the problem involved in *Oestereich* v. *Selective Service System Local Board No. 11*, 390 F. 2d 100 (C.A. 10), certiorari granted, 391 U.S. 912 (No. 46, this Term). The question in *Oestereich* is whether the prohibition in Section 10(b)(3) of the Military Selective Act of 1967 against pre-induction judicial review of Selective Service classifications may be applied to bar such review of the delinquency

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Service registrant who sought a conscientious objector classification. Unlike appellee, Petersen's impending induction was not enjoined, and on January 25, 1968, he refused to submit to induction. However, the court in *Petersen* thereafter held the provisions of Section 10(b)(3) precluding judicial review prior to induction unconstitutional, and therefore entertained Petersen's "civil suit to determine the validity of his induction order and to determine whether an injunction against criminal prosecution is jusitfied" (App. C, p. 44). No appeal was taken by the government from this decision, since the district court enjoined neither the registrant's induction nor his pending criminal prosecution for failure to submit to induction. On June 19, 1968, Petersen was indicted for failing to submit to induction (50 U.S.C. App. 462), and the criminal case (Criminal No. 42140) is set for trial in November. On September 19, 1968, Judge Zirpoli rendered judgment in the civil case in Petersen's favor, albeit on narrow grounds, concluding that he was entitled to a reopening of his classification and reconsideration thereof by his local board.

Subsequent to the decision in the instant case, the same district court enjoined the induction of another registrant who had unsuccessfully sought conscientious objector status. *Scherbatskoy* v. *Local Board No. 76*, Civil No. 49259 (N.D. Calif., decided August 2, 1968). There the court relied on the earlier holdings in *Petersen* and in the instant case. Since the factual background as well as the legal issues presented in *Scherbatskoy* are virtually identical to these invloved here, no appeal has been taken in that case.

reclassification, for non-possession of his draft card, of a registrant with a statutory exemption from military service and training as a ministerial student. In that case the Solicitor General, although supporting the constitutionality under the First Amendment of the prohibition of pre-induction judicial review (see Resp. Br., pp. 16-35), concluded that the unqualified statutory prohibition upon such review "can best be reconciled" with the unqualified statutory exemption for ministerial students "by permitting petitioner to maintain a pre-induction suit challenging his delinquency reclassification" (*id.* at 66).

The present case differs from *Oestereich* in two significant respects:

(1) Appellee's classification as I-A did not result from a delinquency reclassification which terminated an existing exemption grounded on an express statutory provision. Rather, he was so classified in a typical proceeding in which a local board considered and ruled against a claim that the registrant was entitled to conscientious objector status.

(2) Unlike a ministerial student, who under the statute is "exempt from training and service" (Section 6(g), 50 U.S.C. App. 456(g)), conscientious objectors merely are not "require[d] * * * to be subject to combatant training and service"; in lieu thereof they are required to perform either non-combatant or civilian work contributing to the maintenance of the national health, safety or interest (Section 6(j), 50 U.S.C. App. 456(j)). Thus, a registrant who claims conscientious objector status cannot rely upon the

same broad and absolute exemption that the statute gives to ministerial students. Moreover, as is pointed out in the brief filed in the *Oestereich* case (pp. 65-66):

> The question of the validity of a claim to conscientious objector status may be one of great difficulty and cannot be as readily determined on an objective basis, as the other grounds for exemption. The determination of such status involves more of the process of "classification" that Congress has committed to the discretion of the local boards. It is also a situation where the disruption of the orderly process of obtaining military manpower would be greater than in the case of the clear and direct exemptions specifically granted by Congress. * * *

2. If the Court agrees in the *Oestereich* case that pre-induction review should be permitted of a delinquency reclassification of a registrant with an express statutory exemption—either as a matter of statutory interpretation or on constitutional grounds—it would not follow that Congress did not, or could not constitutionally, preclude pre-induction judicial review in the situation presented by the present case. Here, unlike the situation in *Oestereich*, there can be no claim that denial of the registrant's claim to conscientious objector status and his classification as I-A would have any "chilling effect" upon the exercise of First Amendment rights (cf. *Dombrowski* v. *Pfister*, 380 U.S. 479). Although appellee's claim that the Selective Service System misapplied the statutory test for determining conscientious objector status may have First Amendment overtones (see *United States* v.

Seeger, 380 U.S. 163), it cannot fairly be contended that pre-induction review of his classification is necessary to prevent a restriction on the exercise of his rights under that constitutional provision.

The district court concluded that Section 10(b)(3) raises an unconstitutional barrier to judicial review because of the hardship to a registrant if he is required to risk criminal prosecution or to submit to induction in order to test his claim to conscientious objector status. Congress made the judgment, however, that such hardship is justified in order "to prevent litigious interruptions of procedures to provide necessary military manpower" (113 Cong. Rec. S8052 (June 12, 1967) (Sen. Russell))—interruptions typified by the stays of induction that have been entered in this and similar cases. In the absence of the special and unusual circumstances involved in *Oestereich*, we believe that Congress may constitutionally preclude pre-induction judicial review in a case such as the present one, and that the contrary holding of the district court is erroneous.

3. The question of the constitutionality of Section 10(b)(3) as applied in cases not involving delinquency reclassification of a registrant with an express statutory exemption is of substantial importance in the operation of the Selective Service System. The decision below rests upon a rejection of the congressional determination that the need to avoid "litigious interruptions" in the raising of military manpower outweighs any hardship to individual registrants from being required to litigate the validity of their classifications either in habeas corpus proceedings after

induction or as a defense to a criminal prosecution for refusal to be inducted. This broad ruling is likely to engender a large number of suits by registrants seeking to avoid induction on various grounds. In view of the particular circumstances involved in *Oestereich*, this Court's decision there may not definitively determine the constitutionality of Section 10(b)(3) as applied in the typical Selective Service case. The present case is an appropriate vehicle for deciding that broader question.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated, probable jurisdiction should be noted.

Respectfully submitted.

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APPENDIX A

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Civil No. 49419

CHARLES JOSEPH CUNEY GABRIEL, PLAINTIFF

vs.

RAMSEY CLARK, ETC., ET AL., DEFENDANTS

MEMORANDUM SUPPLEMENTAL TO ORDER FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

This court has jurisdiction to issue a preliminary injunction as prayed for herein for the reason that although Section 10(b) of the Military Selective Service Act of 1967 (50 U.S.C.App. 460(b)(3) on its face purports to limit judicial review of the classification or processing of registrants to a defense to a criminal prosecution, said statute if so construed and applied in this case would offend due process since judicial review cannot be conditioned upon the risk of incurring a substantial criminal penalty or complying with an invalid order (See *Petersen* v. *Clark*, D.C.N.D.Calif. Civ. No. 47888, May 28, 1968).

The Court is constrained to the concept that the supremacy of law demands that the plaintiff herein is entitled to, and should be afforded, an opportunity to have some court decide whether an erroneous rule of law was applied, and whether the proceeding in which the facts were adjudicated was conducted regularly. The review provided within the context of the aforesaid section results in constitutional infirmities under elemental concepts of due process and judicial fairness.

The statutory formula thus provided presents a tortuous judicial adventure for the inductee. He must pass the threshhold of civil inquiry and responsibility and cross into the hazards of a criminal prosecution, with all its concomitant penalties, in order to present his contentions on "judicial review" of the alleged illegal or erroneous classification.

The limited and circumscribed review afforded in a criminal proceeding results in no review at all. It necessarily ascribes to plaintiff the essential elements and ingredients of criminal conduct, by the very act of his seeking an orderly review of the draft board classification.

Thus, "willfullness" is in legal effect, shifted to plaintiff once he fails to respond "affirmatively" to the induction order, yet, that is the only method provided in attacking the validity of the order for induction, as well as the legality of the classification.

DATED: June 28, 1968.

/s/ George B. Harris
United States District Judge

APPENDIX B

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Civil No. 49419

CHARLES JOSEPH CUNEY GABRIEL, PLAINTIFF

vs.

RAMSEY CLARK, ETC., ET AL., DEFENDANTS

ORDER FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

This cause coming on to be heard on June 27, 1968, on the motion of plaintiff for a preliminary injunction; and due notice having been given to the defendants; and the Court having considered the verified complaint of the plaintiff and the exhibits attached thereto, and the memorandum of points and authorities in support thereof, all filed herein by plaintiff on June 14, 1968; and the Court having further considered the "Return to Order to Show Cause and Memorandum of Points and Authorities" filed herein by the defendants on June 24, 1968; and the Court having further considered the affidavit in support of preliminary injunction filed herein by plaintiff on June 27, 1968; and the Court having further considered the arguments of counsel; and the Court being fully advised in the premises, the Court finds:

(1) That it has jurisdiction to issue a preliminary injunction as prayed for herein for the reasons set forth in the Opinion of the Honorable Alfonso J. Zirpoli, a Judge of this Court, in the case of *Petersen* v. *Clark*, Civil Action No. 47888 in the files and records of this Court, May 28, 1968;

(2) That plaintiff claims he is, by reason of religious training and belief, conscientiously opposed to

participation in war in any form; if so, he is not required to be subject to combatant training and service in the Armed Forces of the United States;

(3) That, from the evidence submitted to the Court in the form of the exhibits attached to plaintiff's verified complaint, there is a substantial likelihood of plaintiff's ultimate success on the merits of his aforesaid claim;

(4) That the defendants hereinafter named have refused to classify plaintiff as a conscientious objector and have issued an order to plaintiff to report for induction into the Armed Forces of the United States on July 24, 1968;

(5) That unless enjoined and restrained by this Court, the defendants hereinafter named and their agents, servants, employees and persons in active concert and participation with them will cause or attempt to cause plaintiff to be inducted into the Armed Forces of the United States before plaintiff has an opportunity to litigate, or this Court has an opportunity to pass upon, the ultimate merits of plaintiff's claim;

(6) That plaintiff will suffer irreparable injury if he is ordered to report for induction at any time pending the determination of his claim by this Court.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that, pending the further order of this Court, LEWIS B. HERSHEY, DIRECTOR OF SELECTIVE SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES, CARLOS C. OGDEN, DIRECTOR OF SELECTIVE SERVICE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA; E. A. MANSFIELD, WESLEY JOHANSEN, S. BRUCE SCIDMORE, HERMAN MATHIS and FRED BIRD, MEMBERS OF LOCAL BOARD NO. 47, ALAMEDA COUNTY, SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM, and each of them, and their agents, servants, employees, and persons in active concert and participation with them be, and they

are and each of them is, hereby, restrained and enjoined

(A) From placing into effect or giving any effect to the order issued on June 21, 1968, to plaintiff to report for induction into the Armed Forces of the United States on July 24, 1968;

(B) From issuing to plaintiff any other order or any orders of any kind or nature whatsoever directing, ordering, requiring or in any wise compelling plaintiff to report for induction into the Armed Forces of the United States; and

(C) From taking any action inconsistent with this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that this order shall be effective forthwith.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that plaintiff shall file his bond with personal sureties to be approved by the Court in the sum of $250, conditioned upon the payment of such costs and damages as may be incurred or suffered by any party who is found to be unlawfully enjoined or estrained.

DATED: June 28, 1968

/s/ George B. Harris
United States District Judge

APPENDIX C

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Civil No. 47888

NORMAN LLOYD PETERSEN, PLAINTIFF

vs.

RAMSEY CLARK, ET AL., DEFENDANTS

ORDER DENYING DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS

NATURE OF THE CASE

Plaintiff filed this action seeking to enjoin his then-scheduled induction into the armed forces of the United States. He alleged that he had been illegally classified and ordered to report for induction. Basically, he set forth numerous alleged procedural errors committed by his local board in the classification process which led to the order to report for induction. Said errors, plaintiff contended, denied him due process and hence vitiated the validity of the order to report for induction.

On January 23, 1968, after this court heard oral argument and allowed plaintiff to amend the complaint, it was held that 50 U.S.C. App. § 460(b)(3), properly construed, barred a civil action to enjoin an induction on the grounds pressed by plaintiff. This court continues to be of the view that congressional intent was indeed to eliminate civil review of the validity of such orders. See *Breen* v. *Selective Service Bd.*, 36 U.S.L. WEEK 2597 (U.S. Dist. Ct., D. Conn., March 13, 1968).

The order of January 23, 1968, as amended by this court's order of January 29, 1968, also ruled that plaintiff's amended complaint raised a substantial fed-

eral question appropriate for resolution by a three-judge court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2282. The federal question is whether section 460(b)(3) is constitutional. A three-judge court was designated by the chief judge of this circuit. On February 20, 1968, a pretrial order was entered by this court and on March 14, 1968, this court approved a stipulation of the parties staying further procedings in this case. The parties then believed that *Oestereich* v. *Selective Service Local Board No. 11*, —— F. 2d —— (10th Cir. 1968), in which certiorari was then to have been sought, see 36 U.S.L. WEEK 3375, raised the issue of the constitutionality of section 460(b)(3).[1] From a

[1] In his memorandum in *Oestereich*, the Solicitor General argues that the issue in that case "does not necessarily involve the constitutional validity of the provision of Public Law 90-40 [which is 50 U.S.C. App. § 460(b)(3)]" because "it is possible to construe the language [of Section 460(b)(3)] as applicable to the generality of situations where the local board has applied its judgment, but to exclude purported action of a board which is in fact contrary to an exemption which has been expressly granted by statute." This court finds it difficult to distinguish a congressional determination to grant exemption to ministers and ministerial students, 50 U.S.C. App. § 456(g), from a congressional determination to grant exemption to conscientious objectors, 50 U.S.C. App. § 456(j), or, for that matter, deferments to students (by such rules and regulations as the President may prescribe), 50 U.S.C. App. § 456(i). Compare *Kimball* v. *Selective Service Local Board No. 15*, 36 U.S.L. WEEK 2677 (S.D. N.Y. 1968). Indeed, it is difficult to see why all the functions of Selective Service boards, including the withdrawing and terminating of deferments and exemptions, are not classification functions pursuant to the direction of Congress. Such functions involve the board's "judgment". *Cf.*, 50 U.S.C. App. § 456(k). In any event, there can be no "ducking" of the issue as presented in the instant case, for here the court is clearly concerned with the application of section 460(b)(3) to the "generality of situations where the local board has applied its judgment."

reading of the memorandum filed by the Solicitor General in *Oestereich*, both sides later discovered that the Supreme Court may not decide the question which is precisely presented in this case. On April 3, 1968, the defendants asked to be relieved of the stipulation and filed a motion to dismiss this action.

On January 25, 1968, plaintiff refused to submit to induction into the armed forces of the United States. On April 23, 1968, plaintiff filed a motion basically seeking injunctive relief to prevent criminal prosecution for his noncompliance with the induction order, and seeking declaratory relief that the order was invalid. The civil suit is barred if section 460 (b) (3)* is constitutional so as to oust this court of subject matter jurisdiction to review plaintiff's classification and processing other than in a criminal case.

On April 26, 1968, oral argument was heard by the three-judge court. On May 13, 1968, after consideration by the three-judge court, it was determined that the action, insofar as it attacked the constitutionality of secion 460(b) (3), did *not* necessitate a three-judge court. The three-judge court then remanded the case to this court for further consideration.

THE MOTION TO DISMISS

The pleadings heretofore filed and the oral argument to the three-judge court clearly frame the issue in this case: Is it unconstitutional and a denial of due process for Congress to deny a person the oppor-

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* No judicial review shall be made of the classification or processing of any registrant by local boards, appeal boards, or the President, except as a defense to a criminal prosecution instituted under section 12 of this title . . . . after the registrant has responded either affirmatively or negatively to an order to report for induction, or for civilian work in the case of a registrant determined to be opposed to participation in war in any form . . . .

tunity to have civil judicial review of his selective service classification and order to report for induction in an "article-three" or "constitutional" court [2] prior to a criminal prosecution pursuant to 50 U.S.C. App. § 462?

Plaintiff contends, in effect, that Article III's grant to Congress of the power to regulate original jurisdiction of the federal courts [3] other than the Supreme Court [4] is limited by the fifth amendment's due process clause which guarantees the right to an article-three court in circumstances such as are present here.[5] This case involves the specific situation where a federal administrative agency places an individual in the

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[2] See *Glidden* v. *Zdanok*, 370 U.S. 530 (1962); *Nat'l Mut. Ins. Co.* v. *Tidewater Transfer Co., Inc.*, 337 U.S. 582 (1949); *Williams* v. *United States*, 289 U.S. 553 (1933); *O'Donoghue* v. *United States*, 289 U.S. 516 (1933); *Ex Parte Bakelite Corp.*, 279 U.S. 438 (1929).

[3] The most extreme statement of the power is that since Article III confers the power to abolish the district courts (and courts of appeals), Congress can regulate their jurisdiction *in any manner whatsoever*. *E.g.*, *Harlan* v. *Pennsylvania R.R. Co.*, 180 F. Supp. 725 (W.D. Pa. 1960).

[4] *Marbury* v. *Madison*, 5 U.S. (1 Cranch) 137 (1803).

[5] At oral argument, the question was raised whether a decision holding section 460(b)(3) unconstitutional would cast doubt on the validity of statutes such as 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1332, each of which imposes a $10,000 prerequisite to jurisdiction. Clearly a federal forum in the form of a constitutional court is denied to some potential litigants. This court is not persuaded that a decision respecting section 460(b)(3) carries any implications for federal question and diversity dollar limitations on jurisdiction. Dollar amounts do not confront an individual with choosing between *prison* and compliance with allegedly invalid governmental action. Only in such cases as dollar amounts might somehow create such a risk or choice would their validity be drawn in question by this decision.

position of having to either: (1) comply with an allegedly invalid order when compliance may subject him to such restraint of liberty as military service entails or (2) risk criminal prosecution to judicially test the order's validity.

A. Congressional Power to Regulate the Jurisdiction of the Lower Federal Courts

The United States Constitution, Article III, provides:

> Article III.—The Judiciary
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> Section 1. The judicial Power of the United States, shall be vested in one supreme Court, and in such inferior Courts as the Congress may from time to time ordain and establish. . . .
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> Section 2. The judicial Power shall extend to all Cases, in Law and Equity, arising under this Constitution, the Laws of the United States, and Treaties made, or which shall be made, under their Authority; —to all Cases affecting Ambassadors, other public Ministers—and Consuls;—to all Cases of admiralty and maritime Jurisdiction—to Controveries to which the United States shall be a Party;—to Controversies between two or more States;—between a State and Citizens of another State;—between Citizens of different States;—between Citizens of the same State claiming Lands under Grants of different States, and between a State, or the Citizens thereof, and foreign States, Citizens or Subjects.
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> In all Cases affecting Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls, and those in which a State shall be Party, the supreme Court shall have original Jurisdiction. In all the other Cases before mentioned, the supreme Court shall have

appellate Jurisdiction, both as to Law and Fact, with such Exceptions, and under such Regulations as the Congress shall make.

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Article III has engendered considerable and continuing debate centering on whether the Judiciary Act of 1789, 1 Stat. 73, creating lower federal courts, merely complied with the constitutional mandate that the judicial power "shall be vested" or was a gratuitous act of Congress which Congress was free to withhold or later revoke. See WRIGHT, FEDERAL COURTS §§ 1, 10. The precise question, however, of whether Article III itself prohibits Congress from abolishing the lower federal courts is not raised in this case. The reason, of course, is that Article III is not the only guide to congressional power, for there is precedent construing the due process clauses of the fifth and fourteenth amendments and their implications concerning a right of judicial review.

At oral argument, plaintiff's counsel was asked whether Congress could abolish the United States District Courts and Courts of Appeals. The reply was a qualified "yes". The qualification was that some other (constitutional article-three) court would have to be created in a case such as this one where an administrative body acts upon an individual in a coercive way. Counsel's answer either (1) ignored the holding in *Marbury* v. *Madison*, 5 U.S. (1 Cranch) 137 (1803), for surely original jurisdiction could not be conferred on the Supreme Court to enjoin military inductions if *Marbury* is viable; (2) implied that appellate review by the Supreme Court of a classification would suffice, such a scheme being like that held constitutional in *Yakus* v. *United States*, 321 U.S. 414 (1944); or (3) was sophistry since opting

for the creation of a new, *lower* constitutional court would, in reality, be the equivalent of a "no" answer.

The thrust of plaintiff's attack on section 460(b)(3) has been that the fifth amendment's due process clause is a *limitation* on congressional power to regulate jurisdiction. If due process requires either (1) appellate review of induction orders by the Supreme Court or (2) original jurisdiction of injunction actions to enjoin inductions in lower constitutional courts, prior to the time a person could raise the defense of an order's invalidity in a criminal case, then section 460(b)(3) is unconstitutional. Even if one of the foregoing alternatives *is* required to satisfy due process, Congress is still free to abolish the lower courts if Congress would prefer to place review in the Supreme Court. Section 460(b)(3) proscribes both alternatives.

B. Due Process and the Elimination of all Review

Despite Article III and the argument that Congress has plenary power over jurisdiction of the federal courts, but for original jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, most authorities are singularly alike in their reluctance to agree that Congress could completely abolish judicial review in a case such as this which involves the validity of an administrative order to report for induction. For example:

> There is so much authority for the proposition that Congress is free to grant or withhold the judicial power that it might seem unnecessary to belabor the point. Yet lingering doubts remain. Wright, Federal Courts § 10.

In *Lockerty* v. *Phillips*, 319 U.S. 182 (1942), involving congressional power to vest special courts

with power over Emergency Price Control Act disputes, the Court declared:

> The congressional power to ordain and establish inferior courts includes the power "of investing them with jurisdiction either limited, concurrent, or exclusive, and of withholding jurisdiction from them in the exact degrees and character which to Congress may seem proper for the public good."

Yet the Court specifically reserved the question whether a prohibition of *all* relief would be constitutional. In *Yakus* v. *United States*, 321 U.S. 414 (1944), the Court upheld a scheme which provided, as the only review in a constitutional court, an appeal to the Supreme Court from an administrative determination. The scheme went so far as to be the exclusive means of review. If a person by-passed his appeal, he was prohibited from raising his defenses even in a criminal case. The Court said:

> There is no constitutional requirement that that test be made in one tribunal rather than in another, so long as there is an opportunity to be heard and for judicial review which satisfies the demands of due process. . . . 321 U.S. at 444

A leading commentator has declared:

> [T]he "Congressional power to ordain and establish inferior federal courts includes the power 'of investing them with jurisdiction . . . in the exact degrees and character which to Congress may seem proper. . . .'" Certainly this latter proposition is generally true, although theories as to . . . due process . . . may constitute peripheral qualifications upon the otherwise unlim-

> ited power of Congress to withdraw, curtail or in some other manner qualify a jurisdictional grant. MOORE, FEDERAL PRACTICE ¶ 0.60[2].

At least one court of appeals has asserted:

> We think . . . that the exercise by Congress of its control over jurisdiction is subject to compliance with at least the requirement of the Fifth Amendment. That is to say, while Congress has the undoubted power to give, withhold, and restrict the jurisdiction of courts other than the Supreme Court, it must not so exercise that power as to deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law . . . . *Battaglia* v. *General Motors Corp.*, 169 F. 2d 254, 257 (2d Cir. 1948).

Congress surely cannot dilute or abrogate existing constitutional guarantees in the guise of exercising its authority to vest, withhold or restrict the judicial power of inferior courts. If section 460(b)(3) had provided for *no* review even in a criminal trial, the issue would be presented squarely of whether Congress could eliminate all review of the administrative action. If Congress can eliminate all review, then *a fortiori* section 460(b)(3) would be constitutional.

This court is not unmindful of the proposition that

> The very nature of due process negates any concept of inflexible procedures universally applicable to every imaginable situation . . . . "'[D]ue process,' unlike some legal rules, is not a technical conception with a fixed content unrelated to time, place and circumstances." . . .
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> As these and other cases make clear, consideration of what procedures due process may require under any given set of circumstances must begin

with a determination of the precise nature of the government function involved as well as of the private interest that has been affected by governmental action. . . . *Cafeteria & Restaurant Workers Union Local 473* v. *McElroy*, 367 U.S. 886, 895 (1961).

Mr. Justice Frankfurter, concurring in *Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee* v. *McGrath*, 341 U.S. 123, 162-63 (1951), declared:

> "[B]y 'due process' is meant one which, following the forms of law, is appropriate to the case, and just to the parties to be affected. It must be pursued in the ordinary mode prescribed by the law; it must be adapted to the end to be attained; and whenever it is necessary for the protection of the parties, it must give them an opportunity to be heard respecting the justice of the judgment sought." . . . "Whether acting through its judiciary or through its legislature, a State may not deprive a person of all existing remedies for the enforcement of a right, which the State has no power to destroy, unless there is, or was, afforded to him some real opportunity to protect it." . . .
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> The requirement of "due process" is not a fair-weather or timid assurance. It must be respected in periods of calm and in times of trouble; it protects aliens as well as citizens. But "due process", unlike some legal rules, is not a technical conception with a fixed content unrelated to time, place and circumstances. Expressing as it does in its ultimate analysis respect enforced by law for that feeling of just treatment which has been evolved through centuries of Anglo-American constitutional history and civilization, "due

> process" cannot be imprisoned within the treacherous limits of any formula. Representing a profound attitude of fairness between man and man, and more particularly between the individual and government, "due process" is compounded of history, reason, the past course of decisions, and stout confidence in the strength of the democratic faith which we profess. Due process is not a mechanical instrument. It is not a yardstick. It is a process. It is a delicate process of adjustment inescapably involving the exercise of judgment by those whom the Constitution entrusted with the unfolding of the process.

The notion that *some* review of administrative action which operates in a coercive way on an individual is essential to due process has found expression in Supreme Court decisions dealing with administrative functions other than Selective Service and manpower mobilization. For example, in the case of *American School of Magnetic Healing* v. *McAnnulty*, 187 U.S. 94 (1902), the Court held that where the Postmaster General illegally excluded letters from the mails by administrative order, a citizen could resort to the courts. The Court more or less assumed that some inherent judicial power existed. Thirty-four years later, the Supreme Court more explicitly stated the justification for judicial review. In a case where judicial review was sought of maximum rates for various services that stockyards rendered, such rates being fixed by the Secretary of Agriculture, the Court said:

> But to say that their findings of fact may be made conclusive where constitutional rights or liberty and property are involved, although the evidence clearly establishes that the findings are wrong and constitutional rights have been in-

> vaded, is to place those rights at the mercy of administrative officials and seriously to impair the security inherent in our judicial safeguards . . . . Under our system there is no warrant for the view that the judicial power of a competent court can be circumscribed by any legislative arrangement designed to give effect to administrative action going beyond the limits of constitutional authority. *St. Joseph Stock Yards Co.* v. *United States*, 298 U.S. 38, 52 (1936).

Concurring in *St. Joseph*, Mr. Justice Brandeis stated:

> [I]n deciding when, and to what extent, finality may be given to an administrative finding of fact involving the taking of property, the Court has refused to be governed by a rigid rule. It has weighed the relative values of constitutional rights, the essentials of powers conferred, and the need of protecting both. 298 U. S. at 81.
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> The supremacy of law demands that there shall be opportunity to have some court decide whether an erroneous rule of law was applied; and whether the proceeding in which facts were adjudicated was conducted regularly. To that extent, the person asserting a right, whatever its source, should be entitled to the independent judgment of a court on the ultimate question of constitutionality. But supremacy of law does not demand that the correctness of every finding of fact to which the rule of law is to be applied shall be subject to review by a court. 298 U.S. at 84.

In this circuit, the Court of Appeals has stated, "[E]ven final action of an administrative agency, although declared unappealable by legislation, has al-

ways been subject to attack in court if fundamentals were violated." *Bustos-Ovalle* v. *Landon*, 225 F. 2d 878, 880 (9th Cir. 1955). (The quote is dictum, as the case involved an alien's attempted review of an administrative order permitting him to depart the country voluntarily. The court's holding denied review on the ground that administrative remedies had not been exhausted.)

In the landmark case of *Ex Parte Young*, 209 U.S. 123 (1908), an issue was whether Minnesota, through an administrative agency, could prescribe rates that railroads could charge for tickets and impose, in the event of an unsuccessful attack after violating the rates, a fine or imprisonment. The Supreme Court declared:

> The company, in order to test the validity of the acts, must find some agent or employe to disobey them at the risk stated. The necessary effect and result of such legislation must be to preclude a resort to the courts . . . for the purpose of testing its validity. The officers and employes could not be expected to disobey any of the provisions of the acts or orders at the risk of such fines and penalties being imposed upon them, in case the court should decide that the law was valid. The result would be a denial of any hearing to the company. 209 U.S. at 146.
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> We hold, therefore, that the provisions of the acts relating to the enforcement of the rates, either for freight or passengers, by imposing such enormous fines and possible imprisonment as a result of an unsuccessful effort to test the validity of the laws themselves, are unconstitutional on their face. . . . 209 U.S. at 148.

It is true that *Ex Parte Young* was dealing with state, not federal, action and hence with the fourteenth, not the fifth, amendment. Whether every violation of the fourteenth amendment would also constitute a violation of the fifth amendment[6] need not be decided, for there is extant authority that insofar as the finality of federal administrative orders is concerned, *some* judicial review, at least of the procedural regularity of the administrative determination, is necessary at some time. In addition to the cases cited above, language in *Yakus* v. *United States*, 321 U.S. 414 (1944), implies that there is a right to some review:

> There is no constitutional requirement that that test be made in one tribunal rather than in another, so long as there is an opportunity to be heard and for judicial review which satisfies the demands of due process. . . . 321 U.S. at 444.

and

> The petitioners are not confronted with the choice of abandoning their businesses or subjecting themselves to the penalties of the Act before they have sought and secured a [full review and] determination of the Regulation's validity. 321 U.S. at 438.

In *Yakus*, the issue was whether, in determining the validity of price control legislation, Congress could require review of orders in a special legislative or article-one court with appellate review to the Supreme Court as the exclusive mode of review, even to the exclusion of review in a criminal proceeding. The Supreme Court answered in the affirmative. And even as to factual finality, there is some doubt as to the

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[6] *Cf.*, *Bolling* v. *Sharpe*, 347 U.S. 497 (1954).

power of Congress to make administrative determinations final. In addition to the cases cited above, in *Crowell* v. *Benson*, 285 U.S. 22 (1932), the Court held that where a person's compensation recovery hinged on whether he was an employee working in interstate commerce, the administrative findings could not be given finality. Deeming the facts to be "constitutional", the Court said:

> [if] Congress may substitute for constitutional courts, in which the judicial power of the United States is vested, an [administrative agency] . . . for the final determination of the existence of the facts upon which the enforcement of the constitutional rights of the citizen depend . . . [t]hat would be to sap the judicial power as it exists under the Federal Constitution, and to establish a government of a bureaucratic character alien to our system, wherever fundamental rights depend, as not infrequently they do depend, upon the facts, and finality as to facts becomes in effect finality in law. 285 U.S. at 56-57.

In his treatise on administrative law, Professor Davis collects the cases dealing with this question of whether all review could be foreclosed (which he terms the question of "unreviewability") and concludes:

> When we line up the unreviewability cases on a scale, with rights in the nature of benefits at one end and obligations imposed through the governmental program at the other end . . . we find that most of the cases are bunched near the benefit end of the scale, and we find not a single clear-cut authority for unreviewability at the obligation end of the scale. . . . 4 DAVIS ADMINISTRATIVE LAW § 28.19 (p. 104).

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> The conclusion seems to be justified that not a single case upholding unreviewability is an entirely satisfactory authority in support of the idea that due process permits denial of review of questions of law, procedure, and substantial evidence when the party seeking review is resisting enforcement of a legal obligation. *Id.* § 28.19 (p. 106).

Perhaps questioning the propriety or constitutionality of unreviewability in the selective service context, the Supreme Court, in *Estep* v. *United States*, 327 U.S. 114 (1946), refused to construe the word "final" as meaning that no judicial review was permitted. Although draft board classifications were to be final, the Court held that judicial review in the criminal case was not meant to be precluded.[7] See 327 U.S. at 120.

Mr. Justice Murphy, concurring, was explicit: "[J]udicial review of some sort and at some time is required by the Constitution . . . ." 327 U.S. at 130. Further, "As long as courts are open and functioning, judicial review is not expendable." 327 U.S. at 132.

This court can perceive no significant difference between giving finality to a state administrative order and a federal administrative order where either order requires compliance or criminal prosecution. The court concludes that Congress cannot make selective

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[7] See 56 CALIF. L. REV. 448 (1968), dealing with legislative considerations and policy in limiting review. The commentator explicitly declined to deal with the constitutional question involved in this case.

Not directly involved in this case is the constitutional question of what scope of review is essential to due process; that is to say, the continuing vitality of *Estep* v. *United States*, 327 U.S. 114 (1946).

service induction orders *un*reviewable. Due process is offended by an administrative order which demands compliance or a term of imprisonment. One commentator has recalled "Hamilton's insight that limitations on governments are not worth a fig without courts to enforce them." [8]

The question then remains *whether section 460(b)(3) is constitutional in confining review to the criminal prosecution.*

C. Due Process and the Timing of Judicial Review

Having concluded that *some* judicial review [9] of an order to report for induction is required by due process, the court notes that section 460(b)(3) *does* provide for review, but only at a criminal prosecution for violating the order.[10] Plaintiff contends that con-

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[8] Currie, *The Three-Judge District Court in Constitutional Litigation*, 32 U. CHI. L. REV. 1, 9 (1964). See also *Ohio Bell Telephone* v. *Pub. Util. Comm'n of Ohio*, 301 U.S. 292 (1932).

[9] In an article-three or constitutional court.

[10] The statute—section 460(b)(3)—may even be read to preclude review by habeas corpus after induction into the armed forces. No decision of which this court is aware has so construed it. Neither party in this case suggests such an interpretation to be correct. At oral argument, counsel for the government conceded that if habeas corpus were precluded a serious constitutional question would be presented, U.S. CONST., Art. I § 9. This opinion assumes that habeas corpus after induction *is* an available remedy.

As the Solicitor General notes in his memorandum (n. 1) in the *Oestereich* case:

> Public Law 90-40 does not explicitly preserve the habeas corpus remedy. However, the law prior to 1967 (when P.L. 90-40 was adopted) clearly permitted habeas corpus

ditioning judicial review on compliance with the allegedly invalid order (and testing it by habeas corpus) or on risking imprisonment at a criminal prosecution should the order be found valid, is to deter many from testing the validity of orders at all, in effect provides for no hearing for some persons unwilling to risk prosecution (since the efficacy of habeas corpus is questionable [11] and, in any event, can come only after compliance with the order alleged to be invalid [12]), and hence violates due process.

Before turning to the merits, though not raised by the parties, the court feels compelled to discuss certain jurisdictional questions. The court is satisfied that a "case or controversy" exists concerning the validity of section 460(b)(3)—it precludes plaintiff from bringing a civil suit, plaintiff wants to bring a civil suit to enjoin criminal prosecution (originally

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as a means of testing the validity of an induction order. *Witmer* v. *United States,* 348 U.S. 375, 377; *United States ex rel. Reel* v. *Badt,* 152 F. 2d 627 (C.A. 2); *United States ex rel. Samuels* v. *Pearson,* 151 F. 2d 801 (C.A. 3). The legislative history of P.L. 90-40 makes it plain that Congress intended to preserve the generally prevailing law with respect to judicial review of Selective Service classifications (H. Rep. No. 267, 90th Cong., 1st Sess., pp. 30-31). In addition, the statute provides for review after the registrant has responded "affirmatively" to the induction order; such review could only be by habeas corpus, since in these circumstances there would be no basis for a criminal prosecution. There would be room for doubt as to the constitutional validity of a reading of the statute which would abolish habeas corpus as a means of contesting an induction order. U.S. Constitution, Art. I Sec. 9.

[11] See 56 CALIF. L. REV. 448, 460.

[12] *de Rozario* v. *Commanding Officer,* —— F. 2d —— (9th Cir. 1967).

to enjoin his induction), plaintiff contends the statute is unconstitutional, defendant contends the statute is constitutional. The court believes, however, that a serious question does exist whether plaintiff has "standing" to assert a constitutional defect which is based on a rationale which may have no relation to plaintiff himself. In other words, plaintiff's argument, simply stated, is that the statute precludes civil suits prior to the time he must comply with or violate the induction order. Yet plaintiff *has already made that choice.* He chose to violate the order.

It is a well-settled principle of constitutional adjudication that when a statute is attacked as violative of the first amendment, a plaintiff may raise hypotheticals or situations other than his own to illustrate the statute's unconstitutionality.[13] It is a less well-established principle that the same rule applies in a *non*-first amendment context. The clearest illustration in which the Supreme Court *has* allowed a litigant to raise constitutional claims of others in a non-first amendment case is *Barrows* v. *Jackson*, 346 U.S. 249 (1953). In *Barrows*, A, a white homeowner, sued B, a white seller of realty, alleging that B, A's former neighbor, had violated a restrictive covenant not to sell B's house to a non-white. A sought damages. The Court permitted B to raise the argument that such a covenant, if enforced, would impair the equal protection rights of non-whites seeking to purchase realty.

This court is satisfied that plaintiff may make his argument concerning the constitutionality of section 460(b)(3) for two reasons: First, *Barrows* is not materially different from this case, and since *Barrows*

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[13] *Cf.*, 55 CALIF. L. REV. 549, 557-58 nn. 73-74 and accompanying text; WRIGHT, FEDERAL COURTS § 13.

made it clear that the rule is neither constitutionally compelled nor forbidden, and since plaintiff did file this action at a time *prior* to the date set for induction, the court thinks plaintiff should be permitted to raise the arguments referred to even though he has made his choice. Second, the court is not convinced that there is no argument which does not apply to plaintiff personally. The court is cognizant of what is at least the practice in this district where *even after indictment* if a registrant submits to induction the criminal charge is dismissed. Therefore, if plaintiff is permitted to civilly challenge the validity of the induction order and he is wrong, he may still avoid the risk of imprisonment attendant on an unsuccessful challenge.

Turning then to the question of the constitutionality of section 460(b)(3) and its deferring of judicial review to the criminal prosecution, the court will first examine certain cases dealing with administrative rate-making and provisions for judicial review.

Ex Parte Young, 209 U.S. 123 (1908), has already been discussed. In that case the United States Supreme Court held that a state rate-making scheme which permitted a test of the validity of the orders only at the risk of imprisonment if the person is wrong was unconstitutional. The language in *St. Joseph Stock Yards Co.* v. *United States*, 298 U.S. 38 (1936), has also been quoted wherein the Supreme Court implied that finality in administrative rate-fixing was contrary to notions of due process.

In *Wadley Southern Ry. Co.* v. *Georgia*, 235 U.S. 651 (1915), the Court had before it a rate fixed by the state railway commission. The Court distinguished the case where if a railroad went to court to test the rate and lost, it had to pay a substantial pen-

alty which accrued while litigating the validity. Instead the Court found that state law *did* provide for a way to test the rate without risking the penalty and held that the railroad had waived that judicial route.

A similar holding is found in *St. Louis, Iron Mtn. & So. Ry. Co.* v. *Williams*, 251 U.S. 63 (1919). In both *Wadley* and *Williams* the Court strongly implied that if an unsuccessful judicial test of rates would result in penalties being imposed, as in *Ex Parte Young*, the judicial review provisions would be unconstitutional. In *Oklahoma Operating Co.* v. *Love*, 252 U.S. 317 (1920), a state corporation commission determined that a laundry was a monopoly and then proceeded to regulate the laundry's rates. The only way to test the regulation was to defend a contempt proceeding for noncompliance, and an unsuccessful defense resulted in severe monetary penalties. The Supreme Court held that the scheme violated due process. See also *Cotling* v. *Kansas City Stock Yards Co.*, 183 U.S. 79 (1901). Again, in *Missouri Pac. Ry. Co.* v. *Tucker*, 230 U.S. 340 (1913), a case in which the rates could be tested only by risking substantial fines in the event of an unsuccessful challenge, the Court held the scheme unconstitutional, citing *Ex Parte Young*. In *Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co.* v. *Kuykendall*, 265 U.S. 196 (1924), the Court held that federal courts could suspend penalties which were accruing pending a suit to test the validity of rates and which would be imposed in the event of an unsuccessful challenge. And in *Porter* v. *Investors Syndicate*, 286 U.S. 461 (1932), the Court construed a statute to mean that the effect of an administrative order would be stayed pending the institution of a test suit by an aggrieved party. *Reisman* v. *Caplin*, 375 U.S. 440 (1963), dealt with the provisions for judicial review of an Internal Revenue summons issued pursuant

to Section 7602 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. A *unanimous* Court recognized the principle of *Ex Parte Young* and the cases cited above. The holding in Reisman was that the judicial review provisions were constitutional because they allowed a challenge without having to choose between compliance or penalty.

An examination of the foregoing authorities, and especially the recent decision in *Reisman* v. *Caplin*, compels the conclusion that judicial review cannot be conditioned on the risk of incurring a substantial penalty or complying with an invalid order. More precisely, it should be stated that the foregoing is the conclusion in situations other than a selective service context. The court is left with the problem of balancing the interests of the government and the individual in the selective service context to see if what the govenment cannot do in other factual situations it may do when the governmental function involved is the raising of armies.

The court is unable to say that the financial penalties involved in most of the above cases or the risk of contempt constitute a less severe burden on the individual than the risk of imprisonment attendant upon an unsuccessful challenge of an induction order. What of the government's interest? It is certainly arguable that raising taxes and collecting rates is less important to government than mobilizing manpower for the armed forces. While this court is not competent to weigh the competing policies and necessities, it is willing to assume that the efficient operation of the selective service system is a more important function than any of the governmental functions discussed in the foregoing cases. However, since the risk to the individual is also substantial, and accrues as a result of a statute which would appear to be unconstitutional in a context other than selective

service, the court must assess the consequences of a holding that the statute is unconstitutional. Due process is, of course, not an inflexible concept. The borders of due process may vary with the situation. The determination of the substance of due process in a given context must rest on an analysis of the competing interests. As has already been said, the individual's stake weighs heavily in the balancing process. If the individual chooses to contest the validity of the administrative order, and the individual is wrong, the individual finds himself convicted of a crime. The court is of the view that allowing civil review in advance of criminal prosecution would not disrupt the selective service system. The court is aware that the Solicitor General, in his memorandum (pp. 3-4) in the *Oestereich* case, declared:

> Under this statute, a registrant must either refuse induction and risk criminal prosecution, or submit to induction and seek a writ of habeas corpus, in order to obtain judicial review. While this scheme undeniably requires a registrant to incur a serious risk in order to obtain review of his draft classification, Congress has determined that the need for postponing judicial review in such situations outweighs any countervailing considerations. Public Law 90-40 was designed "to prevent litigious interruptions of procedures to provide necessary military manpower" (113 Cong. Rec. S8052 (June 12, 1967) (Sen. Russell); see *Falbo* v. *United States*, 320 U.S. 549, 551-554). Indeed, if pre-induction review were generally available, many men could be expected to bring suit in the hope of avoiding or at least postponing, military service. Postponement of judicial review serves the national interest in preventing delays in the induction proc-

ess, and the rights of the individual can be vindicated through the availability of post-induction review. Congress has thus struck a balance consistent with the Constitution.

In determining whether judicial review satisfies due process, a court cannot totally abdicate the balancing process to Congress.

Assuming civil review was available, what would the consequences be? First, assume that an individual's induction order is valid. Most likely, in a civil suit, the validity will be determined in the injunction proceeding following a brief hearing on an order to show cause. Once determined, the probabilities are that the validity will not be relitigated in the subsequent criminal case. The individual, having obtained a judicial declaration that his order to report is valid, may submit to induction, avoiding the consequence of a criminal conviction which would have obtained had he lost his challenge in the criminal case. Alternatively, he may choose to have a trial on the issue of the wilfulness of the refusal to submit. At such a trial, the court may avoid the now necessary procedure of having to excuse the jury whenever a witness gives testimony relating to the validity of the induction order, which issue is solely for the court to decide, *Martinetto* v. *United States*, —— F. 2d —— (9th Cir. 1968).

Therefore, the time taken in civilly adjudicating the validity of the induction order might have the following two effects: (1) the need for a few trials will be obviated by voluntary compliance with orders which have been judicially declared valid, and (2) some time will be saved at trials because the issue of the order's validity probably will not have to be litigated. The court has experienced such trials where briefs and argument on the validity of the induction

order has been made both before and after the jury's verdict, with a considerable consumption of time. Second, assume the induction order is invalid. In this case, the need for calling and empanelling a jury will be completely eliminated and the court will experience a net saving in time.

Accordingly, this court believes that no substantial burden on the judiciary will be experienced by entertaining civil jurisdiction of suits to determine the validity of induction orders. Furthermore, since only the timing and not the scope of review will be affected, the number of men who will ultimately be found to have been validly classified will not be changed. Hence, no interference with the governmental function of raising of armies will result from civil jurisdiction.

Having weighed the consequences of section 460 (b) (3) upon the individual, having considered the implications of a declaration that the statute is unconstitutional, and having considered the numerous authorities suggesting that such a statute would be unconstitutional in other contexts, the court holds that due process in this particular context demands that it is unconstitutional to restrict a registrant to the criminal trial forum to raise the defense that his order to report for induction was invalid because of procedural errors committed by the administrative agency in the classification process.[14]

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[14] Expressly not decided herein is the question of whether, in every case, the same quantum or scope of judicial review is required. The court is here faced with a very specific situation in which a registrant must face induction or imprisonment to test the validity of his order and in which even in a criminal case the scope of review is extremely circumscribed. Hence, the risks attendant on the criminal trial are even greater than in the usual case where judicial review is permitted to invoke the substantial evidence test.

D. The Remedy of Habeas Corpus

The contention is made that section 460(b)(3) is not unconstitutional because due process is satisfied by the existence of the post-induction remedy of habeas corpus. Although the efficacy of habeas corpus in the military context has been questioned,[15] this court is not of the view that section 460(b)(3) is constitutional, even assuming habeas corpus is effective.

First, one must recognize that to utilize habeas corpus one must be inducted into the armed forces.[16] Second, submitting to induction is the equivalent of compliance with the administrative order alleged to be invalid.[17] Third, the mere existence of habeas corpus as a remedy after the substantial deprivation of liberty should not so serve to abrogate the duty to prevent the damage if possible.[18] The court doubts that in a criminal trial our system of justice would toler-

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[15] 56 CALIF. L. REV. 448, 460 (1968).

[16] *de Rozario* v. *Commanding Officer*, —— F. 2d —— (9th Cir. 1967).

[17] See *American School of Magnetic Healing* v. *McAnnulty*, 187 U.S. 94 (1902); *St. Joseph Stock Yards Co.* v. *United States*, 298 U.S. 38 (1936); *Crowell* v. *Benson*, 285 U.S. 22 (1932).

[18] See Hart, *The Power of Congress to Limit the Jurisdiction of Federal Courts: An Exercise in Dialectic*, 66 HARV. L. REV. 1362, 1381-83 (1953). There is also the view that as long as Congress has charged the courts with an enforcement power to criminally try persons for noncompliance with orders to report, the court ought to be able to determine the validity of said orders without jeopardizing a person's liberty. *Cf.*, *Yakus* v. *United States*, 321 U.S. 414 (1944); *Ex Parte Young*, 209 U.S. 123 (1908); *Reisman* v. *Caplin*, 375 U.S. 440 (1964); *Estep* v. *United States*, 327 U.S. 114, 132 (Murphy, J., concurring) (1946).

ate, for example, the deferring of all fourth or fifth amendment claims or defenses until after a factual finding that a defendant committed certain acts and require that they be raised by way of habeas corpus after confinement.

Accordingly, the court holds that the mere existence of habeas corpus as a remedy following induction into the armed forces of the United States, does not justify the elimination of a person's due process right to judicial review of an order to report for induction without the risk of imprisonment or compliance with a potentially illegal and untested administrative order. To repeat the words of the Court in *St. Joseph Stock Yards Co.* v. *United States*, 298 U.S. 38, 52 (1936):

> Under our system there is no warrant for the view that the judicial power of a competent court can be circumscribed by any legislative arrangement designed to give effect to administrative action going beyond the limits of constitutional authority.

CONCLUSION

The court holds that Congress cannot deny pre-criminal judicial review in some constitutional or article-three court to review the validity of an order to report for induction into the armed forces of the United States.[19]

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[19] Defendants have contended that even absent section 460 (b) (3), prior case law precludes civil review in a case such as this one. This court is of the view that the opinions are not as clear as the government asserts, some being based more on the rationale that plaintiffs had not exhausted administrative remedies than on a true lack of constitutional jurisdiction. See, *e.g.*, *Breen* v. *Selective Service Local Board No. 16*, —— F. Supp. —— (D. Conn. 1968); compare *Dan-*

In finding section 460(b)(3) unconstitutional in that it denies pre-criminal and pre-compliance judicial review, this court has not impaired congressional power under Article III to restrict the jurisdiction of the lower federal courts. Congress may, for example, adopt a scheme such as was involved in the *Yakus* case where *no* review of the administrative order was available at the criminal trial. Whether such a choice would be made by Congress, this court is neither able nor competent to say. But as long as the United States District Courts do exist, as long as the fifth amendment is the law of the land, and because the authorities herein cited are the law of the land, this court feels compelled to entertain plaintiff's civil suit to determine the validity of his induction order and to determine whether an injunction against criminal prosecution is justified.

Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that the defendants' motion to dismiss is denied.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that further proceedings —in the nature of an order to show cause why plaintiff's order to submit to induction should not be declared invalid and why prosecution for failure to comply therewith should not be enjoined—are stayed pending further order of this court.

It is my opinion that this order should be an appealable order pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1292(b) because it involves a controlling question of law—whether 50 U.S.C. App. § 460(b)(3) results in an unconstitution-

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iels v. *United States*, 372 F. 2d 407 (9th Cir. 1967) (issuance of order to report for civilian work constitutes end of administrative process for purposes of raising defense at criminal trial).

al denial of due process—as to which there is substantial ground for difference of opinion and that an immediate appeal from the order may materially advance the ultimate termination of the litigation.

Dated: May 28, 1968

ALFONSO J. ZIRPOLI
United States District Judge

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CLARK ET AL. *v.* GABRIEL.

APPEAL FROM THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA.

No. 572. Decided December 16, 1968.

PER CURIAM.

Appellee's draft board rejected his claim to classification as a conscientious objector and classified him I–A. His appeals within the Selective Service System were unsuccessful. After he was ordered to report for induction he brought an action in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California seeking to have his induction enjoined and to have the rejection of his claim to conscientious objector classification declared improper on the grounds that it had no basis in fact, that the board had misapplied the statutory definition of conscientious objector and that the members of the board were improperly motivated by hostility and bias against those who claim to be conscientious objectors. The District Court entered a preliminary injunction preventing appellee's induction until after a determination of his claim on the merits.

In entering the preliminary injunction, the District Court held that it had jurisdiction to hear appellee's claim despite § 10 (b)(3) of the Military Selective Service Act of 1967, 50 U. S. C. App. § 460 (b)(3), which provides:

> "No judicial review shall be made of the classification or processing of any registrant by local boards, appeal boards, or the President, except as a defense to a criminal prosecution instituted under section 12 of this title, after the registrant has responded either affirmatively or negatively to an order to report for induction, or for civilian work in the case of a registrant determined to be opposed to participation in war in any form: *Provided,* That such

> review shall go to the question of the jurisdiction herein reserved to local boards, appeal boards, and the President only when there is no basis in fact for the classification assigned to such registrant."

Acknowledging that this statute if applicable would prevent preinduction review of appellee's classification, the District Court held that, so applied, § 10 (b)(3) was unconstitutional because to provide for judicial consideration of the lawfulness of the board's action only as a defense to a criminal prosecution would require that appellee pursue a "tortuous judicial adventure" so beset by "hazards" and "penalties" as to "result in no review at all." The Government has appealed under 28 U. S. C. § 1252 which allows direct appeal to this Court of "an interlocutory or final judgment, decree or order of any court of the United States . . . holding an Act of Congress unconstitutional in any civil action . . . to which the United States . . . or any officer thereof . . . is a party."

This Court has today, after full consideration, decided *Oestereich* v. *Selective Service System Local Board No. 11,* 393 U. S. —. Because the result here is dictated by the principles enunciated in that case, it is appropriate to decide this case summarily, reversing the District Court.

In *Oestereich* the delinquency procedure by which the registrant was reclassified was without statutory basis and in conflict with petitioner's rights explicitly established by the statute and not dependent upon an act of judgment by the board. Oestereich, as a divinity student, was by statute unconditionally entitled to exemption. Here, by contrast, there is no doubt of the board's statutory authority to take action which appellee challenges, and that action inescapably involves a determination of fact and an exercise of judgment. By statute, classification as a conscientious objector is expressly conditioned on the registrant's claim being "sustained by the local board." 50 U. S. C. App. § 456 (g).

Here the board has exercised its statutory discretion to pass on a particular request for classification, "evaluating evidence and . . . determining whether a claimed exemption is deserved." *Oestereich* v. *Selective Service System Local Board No. 11, ante,* p. —. A local board must make such a decision in respect of each of the many classification claims presented to it. To allow preinduction judicial review of such determinations would be to permit precisely the kind of "litigous interruptions of procedures to provide necessary military manpower" (113 Cong. Rec. 8052 (June 12, 1967) (report by Senator Russell on Conference Committee action)) which Congress sought to prevent when it enacted § 10 (b)(3).

We find no constitutional objection to Congress' thus requiring that assertion of a conscientious objector's claims such as those advanced by appellee be deferred until after induction, if that is the course he chooses, whereupon habeas corpus would be an available remedy, or until defense of the criminal prosecution which would follow should he press his objections to his classification to the point of refusing to submit to induction. *Estep* v. *United States,* 327 U. S. 114 (1946); *Falbo* v. *United States,* 320 U. S. 549 (1944).

The motion of appellee for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* is granted. The decision of the District Court is reversed, and the case remanded for issuance of an order dissolving the preliminary injunction and dismissing the action.

MR. JUSTICE DOUGLAS, concurring.

The evidence in this case, which I have set forth in an Appendix, makes plain, as the Court states, that the question whether the registrant should be classified as a conscientious objector turns on the weight and credibility of the testimony. I therefore agree that § 10 (b)(3) of the Military Selective Service Act of 1967 precludes review of the action of the Board at this preinduction stage.

I would take a different view if this were a case where a registrant was moved from a CO (conscientious objector) classification to I–A because he made a speech, unpopular with the Board.

This would also be a different case if the registrant were a member of an institutionalized group,* such as the Quakers, whose opposition to war was well known and the registrant, though perhaps unpopular with the Board, was a bona fide member of the group. Then too a Board would act in a lawless way if it moved a registrant from a CO classification to I–A and disregarding all the evidence denied him a CO classification.

But in my view it takes the extreme case where the Board can be said to flout the law, as it did in *Oestereich* v. *Selective Service, ante,* p. ——, to give preinduction review of its actions.

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*Membership in a religious group is not, of course, the sole means of getting classification as a conscientious objector, as the exemption extends to anyone who has those conscientious objections, even though he is not associated with others. See *United States* v. *Seeger,* 380 U. S. 163, 172–173.

APPENDIX.

Charles Gabriel is 23 years old, son of a white father and Negro mother. He graduated from Berkeley High School, attended San Francisco State College for two years before being dropped; for the following year he tried to regain entrance to that College by attending its "Extension School"; but when he was denied readmission, he spent the next year at a City College from which he graduated. He registered with the Selective Service in 1963 at the age of 18. Two years later, at the age of 20, he applied for CO status. He was denied reclassification, and his *three* requests for a "personal appearance" before the board over a nine-month period were disregarded. Finally, he was given an opportunity for a personal appearance after he complained to the State Headquarters. He was denied reclassification.

(A) *Gabriel's Letter of August 13, 1965.*

In 1965, after he obtained a copy of Form 150 by which a registrant files for conscientious objector status, Gabriel filled out the form and sent his local draft board an accompanying letter explaining his conscientious convictions:

> "As a Negro I firmly believe the United States Government has willfully let the Negro be deprived of his rights therefore the debt of forced service claimed arbitrarily from all eligible men for the purpose of fighting for the United States rights is in the Negroes case void. Because he has not been given the rights the United States fights for on its citizens behalf.
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> "My beliefs are superior to my human relations with the U. S. government and duties coming out of my beliefs are superior to duties stolen from me by the U. S. government.

"I have voiced my opinions and beliefs freely. In Berkeley H. S. in class in fall 1962 during the Cuban crisis I made a speech against U. S. action in Cuba otherwise I haven't bothered to record all the times I said what I thought.'

"[listing activities]: active CORE member (1961–2) March on Wash DC 1963; Demonstrated against HUAC in Wash. D.C. 1959 I was in and helped organize the Freedom Week Play in Berkeley H. S. 1963. Demonstrated in 1960 in support of sit-ins against southern Wolworth Stores.

. . . . . .

"All through my life I have been in contact with people who did not believe in war or killing; who believed the U.S. government and system was unjust. My parents their friends, my friends, numerous books by liberal or leftist writers . . . have been things that make me what I am.

(B) *Gabriel's Official Summary of his Personal Appearance.*

After his personal appearance, Gabriel filed a copy of his summary of the hearing, as provided by Selective Service regulations.

"This is a summary of my personal appearance before you on Thursday, May 19, 1966. . . . The youngest, forty to forty-give years old was fairly friendly during the meeting; the oldest seemed neutral; the other three seemed fairly unfriendly. . . . The oldest man referred to my letters as 'very pointed, belligerent.' I said, jokingly, that I wrote the letters with the help of Ben Seaver and Alex Sliszka and they should share the blame. Then there was an unfriendly comment about Sliszka and Seaver. The youngest man read my statement that said I was a Negro and didn't think I had any rights. He asked if this wasn't the basis of most of my case. I said, 'No. It was only part of it.' . . . Then one

man asked me if I was trying to 'beat the game.' I said that there were easier ways to avoid the draft and I gave some examples. . . . The man asked me to reread my written statement said, i.e. wasn't that answer subversive. I said 'maybe so but I believe I'm right.' . . . The oldest man asked me if I'd fought in high school. I answered, 'No' and he said, 'You must have been a real good boy.' He then asked me between two and four times to 'eradicate' the thought from my mind that I had gotten unfair treatment from the board."

(C) *Department of Justice Résumé.*

After being denied CO status, Gabriel appealed. And as is customary in such appeals, the Justice Department conducted an investigation into the sincerity of his beliefs. The following is a résumé of the investigating officer's report.

"A representative of Berkeley High School . . . stated that he was a 'quiet rebel' but was mature for his age. . . . Another representative at Berkeley High School stated that . . . she recalls that he demonstrated a high regard for the individual . . . and was extremely conscious of the role in society of the American Negro. It was advised that the registrant's mother . . . and step-father have been politically active in such organizations as the Congress for Racial Equality. . . . A representative of the Buildings and Grounds Department of San Francisco State College, advised that the registrant . . . had a reputation of being involved in any movement which has doings with anti-war demonstrations or activities. This representative stated that he never actually witnessed the registrant in these activities but it is general knowledge among employees around the campus. . . . [R. 26–27.] An official of the Magic Theatre, San Francisco, California advised that . . . the registrant is against war and against military service. It

> was further stated that the registrant has discussed the Vietnam war and considers it unjust. . . . [R. 28–29.] One person interviewed in San Francisco, California, advised that she has resided here in an apartment building for the last four or five years. She stated as she recalls, a young Negro male resided with a young woman in an apartment in this building about a year ago. She believes this individual may have been the registrant. . . . [R. 29–30.] A reference stated that he has known the registrant since about 1963 . . . when they both were students at San Francisco State College. He further stated that the registrant could well be a communist, however, they have never discussed this. He advised that he is aware that the registrant's mother and father are very much against war and are active in movements which are against war. He also further stated that the registrant is also active in these movements and organizations, however, he did not know the names of these organizations. It was also stated that the registrant has mentioned that he is active in anti-war groups and that he believes he has participated in anti-war marches. . . . [R. 32.] Another reference stated . . . that when [the registrant] went to report for his armed forces physical examination he observed an anti-draft demonstration occurring in front of the physical facilities and felt compelled to take part in the demonstration, which he did."

(D) *Department of Justice Recommendation.*

After conducting its investigation, the Department of Justice filed a "recommendation" with the local board, suggesting that Gabriel be denied CO status:

> "He said he is that he is definitely not a communist. . . . The registrant advised that he is, and has been, consistently nonviolent, and that he has never been a member of any aggressive anti-war

demonstrations. He said that, although he was a member of the Vietnam Day Committee and the War Resistance League, and has participated in peace marches, he has always participated in a passive or peaceful manner."

MR. JUSTICE BRENNAN, MR. JUSTICE STEWART, and MR. JUSTICE WHITE concur in the judgment of the Court for the reasons stated in MR. JUSTICE STEWART's dissenting opinion in *Oestereich* v. *Selective Service Board*, —— U. S. ——, decided today.

MR. JUSTICE BLACK would note probable jurisdiction and set the case down for argument.